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The Corresponding Secretary read his report for Dec. 1854, and Jan., 1855, which was adopted.

The Society then proceeded to an election for Standing Committees for 1855, with the following result:

Ethnology, John S. Phillips, B. H. Coates, J. Aitken Meigs; *Comparative Anatomy and General Zoology*, Joseph Leidy, Edward Hallowell, Jno. H. Brinton; *Mammalogy*, John Le Conte, James C. Fisher, Jno. L. Le Conte; *Ornithology*, John Cassin, Edward Harris, Geo. A. McCall; *Herpetology and Ichthyology*, Edward Hallowell, John Cassin, Gavin Watson; *Conchology*, T. A. Conrad, T. B. Wilson, Chas. E. Smith; *Entomology and Crustacea*, Wm. S. Zantzinger, R. Bridges, John A. Guex; *Botany*, R. Bridges, Wm. S. Zantzinger, Elias Durand; *Geology*, Isaac Lea, Chas. E. Smith, Jno. L. LeConte; *Mineralogy*, Wm. S. Vaux, S. Ashmead, F. A. Genth; *Palæontology*, Thomas B. Wilson, Joseph Leidy, Aubrey H. Smith; *Physics*, James C. Fisher, B. H. Rand, Fairman Rogers; *Library*, R. Pearsall, S. Weir Mitchell, H. C. Hanson; *Com. on Proceedings*, Wm. S. Zantzinger, Joseph Leidy, Geo. A. McCall.

ELECTION.

Dr. William Hunt, of Philadelphia, was elected a *Member* of the Academy.

February 6th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The following paper, intended for publication in the Journal, was presented:—"Notice of Fossils from the Carboniferous Series of the Western States, belonging to the genera Spirifer, Bellerophon, Pleurotomaria, Macrocheilus, Natica and Loxomena, with descriptions of eight new characteristic species: by Joseph G. Norwood and Henry Pratten, of the Illinois Geological Survey." Referred to Dr. Leidy, Mr. Isaac Lea, and Dr. Wilson.

February 13th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from Dr. Henry G. Dalton, dated Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, Dec. 28th, 1854, transmitting a copy of his recent work on that country.

Also, a letter from the Zoological Society of London, dated 31st October, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal and Proceedings of the Academy.

Mr. Conrad presented for publication in the Proceedings three papers severally entitled "Descriptions of eighteen new Cretaceous and Tertiary Fossils," "Descriptions of eight new species of Cretaceous Shells from Texas, in the collection of Major Emory," and "Description of a new species of Melania;" which were referred to Mr. Cassin, Dr. Carson and Mr. Foulke.